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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ Then, do the Government admit that they have made a mistake in this matter, Sir ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ Certainly not, Sir.”

Nomination of District Collectors as Members of District Boards.

* 542 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have nominated District Collectors as members of the District Boards ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what is the principle underlying such nominations ; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the advisability of discontinuing the practice of nominating District Collectors as members of District Boards ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) G.O. No. 1378, L. & M., dated 23rd April 1925, on the subject is placed on the table.^a

(c) The Government see no reason to depart from the present policy.

Nominations to district boards and municipalities since last December.

* 543 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(1) to place before the House a statement showing the community or caste to which the several gentlemen and ladies nominated by Government to district boards and municipalities since last December belong ; and

(2) to state—

(a) whether anybody has been nominated to fill in the vacancy of the Indian Christian member in the Trichinopoly District Board ;

(b) whether Indian Christians have been nominated elsewhere where there are large bodies of Indian Christians ;

(c) if so, who ; and

(d) whether the persons so nominated are Roman Catholics or non-Roman Catholics ?

A.—(1) A statement showing the caste or community of persons appointed as members of district boards and municipal councils from 1st December 1926 to 1st July 1927 is placed on the table.^b

(2) (a) Yes. Mrs. Swarnammal Jesudas—an Indian Christian lady—was appointed in June 1927.)

(b) & (c) Indian Christians have also been appointed to the following district boards :—

Name of district board.

Persons appointed.

North Arcot ... Mr. R. P. Nathaniel, L.M.P.

South Arcot ... Mrs. G. M. Sargunar, B.A., L.T.

Chingleput ... Mr. Frank V. Venkatarangam,
B.A., L.T.

^a Vide Appendix IX on page 145 infra.

^b Vide Appendix X on page 146 infra.

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Name of district board.

Persons appointed.

Guntur	...	Mr. V. Ch. John, M.A., L.T., M.L.C.
Tinnevely	...	Mr. A. Mc. C. Tampoe, I.C.S. Mr. Daniel Thomas, M.L.C.
Kistna	...	Mrs. Hannah Sargon Ponnuswami. Mr. J. Immanuel. Dr. D. S. Ramachandra Rao.
West Godavari.		Mrs. A. Catherine Subbarayudu. Mrs. Subbaraya Sastri. Dr. Ch. S. John, M.B., B.S.

(d) The Government have no information on the point.

Grants for maintenance of second-class roads to South Kanara District Board.

* 544 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have reduced the grant for the maintenance of second-class roads to the South Kanara District Board for 1927-28; if so, by how much and on what grounds; and

(b) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government by the District Board President that great inconvenience will arise from the reduction of the grant, and whether a request has been made for the restoration of the old grants and increase of it; and what action has been taken thereon?

A.—(a) Yes, by Rs. 23,917. The reduction is due to a redistribution of the provincial grants admissible to the district board and the taluk boards in the district in the circumstances stated in G.O. No. 1212, L. & M., dated 1st April 1927, extracts from which are appended.^a

(b) Yes. The Government have intimated to the President, District Board, their inability to increase the grant.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"With reference to the clause (a) of the answer to this question may I enquire on what grounds the redistribution is justified?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"If the hon. Member will refer to the extracts appended to the answer he will find that all the redistribution has gone to the poorer taluk boards."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The time limit for questions and answers having expired the Council will now proceed to the next item on the agenda."

Constitution of Udipi into a municipality.

* 545 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government and the hon. Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received representations from certain people of some village in Udipi taluk, South Kanara, praying that early orders may be passed handing over the administration of the Udipi town and suburbs to a municipality and that ample grants may be made to enable the